

MINUTES
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 12, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Alan Meyers, Mary Beeman, Keith Bishop, William Bloss, Barbara Dudley, Louis Iorio, Kathy Nolan, Linda Sanacora and Ted Zuse

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF: Thomas Forcella, Andrew Potochney, Cliff Gurnham and Linda Trudeau

Mr. Zuse presented the financial report for December 2008. Mr. Zuse noted that the percentage expended for lunchroom and recess aides is down due to the increased budget for the 2008-09 year. Mr. Zuse stated that he had a number of questions that he submitted to the Business Office regarding the reports. Mr. Zuse added that the budget is on track at this time. Mr. Potochney stated that he would provide a response to the questions.

Dr. Forcella stated that creating a budget with a 3.67% increase was difficult. Dr. Forcella added that the meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2009 with the District Leadership Team would address the Board's questions regarding the budget. The meeting with the Board of Finance was discussed. Mr. Zuse questioned if there was room to cut staff. Dr. Forcella stated that staffing was reviewed during the process and that a position has been cut. The special education program being run by Madison was discussed.

Mrs. Dudley provided an update from the CABE meeting and the comments from the Legislators regarding the financial state of the State of Connecticut. Unfunded mandates from the State were discussed. Dr. Forcella discussed two grants that the District and Madison have collaborated in applying for. One is for Science & Technology and one is for Safe and Drug Free Schools for interventions.

The Adams health and safety needs were discussed. A meeting of the Facilities subcommittee was scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Baldwin Middle School to review proposals and costs of projects at Adams.

A discussion of the theft of laptops and Student Activity accounts was held. The process for canceling or delaying school was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau